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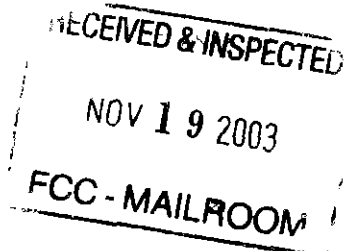
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Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554



Dear Madame Secretary,

As a chief for the San Francisco Fire Department and 31-year veteran of the fire service, I know how important it is for firefighters and other public safety personnel to have access to clear and reliable communications tools. Unfortunately, interference in the 800 MHz spectrum continues to threaten this access.

Without clear and reliable communications firefighters simply cannot do their job as well as they should be able to, creating unnecessary public safety risks.

I have been informed that a number of potential fixes have been presented to the FCC to address the interference problem. However, it seems that only the Consensus Plan for realigning the 800 MHz spectrum is truly aiming to eradicate interference, rather than just fix it on a case-by-case basis when it happens to occur. It is this proactive approach that has led me to join my colleagues from the International Association of Fire Chiefs in supporting the Plan.

Please join me and hundreds of public safety organizations across the country in voicing your support to the FCC and speaking out on behalf of the Consensus Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Mario H. Treviño  
Chief of Department

cc International Association of Fire Chiefs

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